

**NHRSTA Annual Meeting  
September 12, 2012  
Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH**

Chairman Dave Kelley opened the meeting at approximately 1840 hours.

Ernie Loomis lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for our fallen comrades.

Chairman Kelley said that the May meeting minutes have been approved and will be forwarded to the membership along with the minutes from this meeting when they are available.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter Hilchey reported that as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, there was an available checking balance at the TD Bank of \$17, 853.07. A complete copy of the report was provided to the NHRSTA Secretary to attach to the meeting minutes. At the conclusion of the report, Joe Broderick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Nino Leccacorvi made a second. All were in favor and the report was accepted.

**Secretary's Report:** Kathy Kimball reported that since our last meetings in May, 6 invitation letters and applications to join the NHRSTA have been sent out and 4 individuals have joined us. In addition, another retiree found our website and downloaded our application, completed it and sent it to us. The Membership Committee has accepted that application as well. The loss of Sgt. (Retired) Malcolm Noyes on August 12<sup>th</sup> was also acknowledged. In following up on the Greenland tragedy, notes sent to the NHRSTA from Rochester Police Chief (Retired) David Dubois and Newmarket Police Officer Scott Kukesh were shared with those assembled. At the conclusion of the report, Ernie Loomis made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Nino Leccacorvi made a second. All were in favor and the report was accepted.

**Legislative Committee:** Ernie Loomis gave the Report. Some of the known state primary election results were shared. The special legislative committee that was established to look into converting the Retirement System into a Defined Contribution Plan to replace the Defined Benefit Plan has been meeting over the past summer. There is a plan to try to re-introduce legislation in January 2013. The Committee invited five vendors to submit proposals and only 2 showed up to make presentations. It appears that these plans may raise the State's unfunded liability by 2 billion dollars. One vendor has been hired to get a program going. There is no money for this. However, the Speaker of the House agreed to front the money from his House budget. All action is postponed until September 18<sup>th</sup> due to the elections. The push to make this conversion is an effort to get the risk off the back of the State for its employees. It should also be noted that only new state employees will be affected by this legislation. Ernie is looking for assistance attending meetings at the State House between 9-24-12 and 9-28-12 as he will be out of state. Lastly, Ernie encouraged everyone who comes in contact with their elected

officials, or those running for office, to ask this simple question: “Where do you stand on the NH Retirement System?”

**Old Business:** None

Dinner break

50-50 Raffle: Our winner tonight was Don Gates (\$70). Congratulations! And thanks go out to Steve Ford for his help in selling the tickets to those in attendance.

**New Business:**

Dave Cargill told everyone that if they have a State Police ring made by Josten’s that might need resizing or is damaged, contact Josten’s and they will make necessary repairs. They can be contacted through their website: <http://www.jostens.com/>

Dave Kelley said that he is working with the Colonel on a Retiree ID Badge. He said that information will be forthcoming for anyone who needs an ID to go in their folder.

Dave also told those present that recently, some issues have been raised that would require amending the NHRSTA by-laws after being brought to the Executive Board. For example: extending membership to those who do not meet the criteria currently set forth in our by-laws and officially supporting specific political candidates. Before making any such changes to the by-laws, we need to ask: “What is good for the whole of the NHRSTA?” If anyone is interested in such changes, please send recommendations to the Executive Board to be vetted and then sent to the membership.

If anyone has suggestions or comments on how to expand our membership participation at our two annual meetings, the Executive Board would appreciate hearing from you. We are hoping to expand our committee participation and look to the needs of the next generation of retirees.

Walt Morse said that now is the time to talk with people who are running for election. They need our support and we need to talk with them about our needs and concerns. The NHRSTA is well respected at the State House and we want to continue our efforts in that vein. Ernie said that if you send e-mail to a legislator at the State address, their boxes fill up quickly with messages on many subjects. They don’t tend to empty their electronic mail boxes, so sometimes a letter sent by US Mail is better.

Joe Broderick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Skip Korbet made the second and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathy Kimball*